



**MINUTES OF THE
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS**

SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

The Economic Competitiveness Committee of the City of San José convened in Regular Session at 4:04 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room T1734, 17th Floor of the City Hall Tower.

PRESENT: Mayor Chuck Reed, Chair; Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen, Council Member Herrera, Council Member Liccardo

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: City Manager Ed Shikada, Director of Economic Development Kim Walesh, Interim Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Dave Sykes, Assistant Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti, Chief Building Official of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Chu Chang, Assistant Director of Public Works Harry Freitas, Projects Expeditor Sylvia Do, Planning Official Steve Piasecki, Senior Civil Engineer Mike Liw, Mayor's Senior Policy Advisor Ru Weerakoon, and Deputy City Clerk Suzanne Guzzetta.

Mayor Reed opened the meeting congratulating Assistant Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti on her new job as Assistant Town Manager in Los Gatos and thanking her for years of work with the City, and acknowledged new and renewed leases and businesses in San Jose. In addition, projects going through the STI/ITI program were recognized including Bestronics, TMG West, PolyComm, Cisco, Tasman, Onovo, and acknowledged the success of the program.

MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Documents Filed: Development Services Major Project List for April 2014, listing 34 projects and development project maps.

Interim Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Dave Sykes reported on the status of the permit process for many of the projects listed on the Major Projects Update. Various Staff responded to Committee questions regarding specific projects.

ADDRESSING CHALLENGES

Documents Filed: PBCE Recruitment Plan and Technology Plan.

Mayor Reed expressed concern that the North San Jose Guidelines might be a barrier to progress and may need to be brought back to City Council. Staff responded to the Mayor's concerns.

Interim Director of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Dave Sykes distributed the PBCE Recruitment Plan and Technology Plan and updated the Committee on plans to deal with recruitment for vacant positions in Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, updating technology, and addressing the service delivery gap, and responded to Committee questions.

OTHER UPDATES

There were no other updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Documents Filed: Historic Map of Alviso superimposed with new and completed projects.


Tony Santos, Bob Gross, Lonnie Gross, and Lorna Chang spoke against the Trammel Crow project citing various concerns including safety, location and number of truck doors, and access, among others. Bob Gross distributed an historic map of Alviso superimposed with current and proposed projects.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME

The next meetings are scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2014 and Monday, June 2, 2014 both at 4:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Tower, Room 1734.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reed adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed
Committee on Economic Competiveness

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